

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (New) A method of teaching writing, comprising the steps of  
providing a teaching aid which acts as a metaphoric model for works of writing, such  
works of writing having content and structure, the teaching aid comprising an assembly of three-  
dimensional representations of components of a multi-component article familiar to students  
being taught,  
assigning a particular aspect of content and/or structure of works of writing to the  
components of the article,  
attempting to assemble the article using the three-dimensional representations of the  
components that correspond to the content and/or structure used in a work of writing, and  
recalling, interpreting, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or judging the content or  
structure of the work of writing by viewing what was assembled with the three-dimensional  
representations.
6. (New) The method of claim 5, further including the step of  
using the three-dimensional representations as a checklist to determine what should be in

the work of writing.

7. (New) The method of claim 5,  
the components being parts of a hamburger.
8. (New) The method of claim 5,  
the three-dimensional representations being constructed from colored craft foam.
9. (New) The method of claim 5,  
the three-dimensional representations being pillows.
10. (New) A method of writing using a writing aid which acts as a metaphoric model for works of writing, such works of writing having content and structure, the writing aid comprising an assembly of three-dimensional representations of components of a multi-component article, the components having defined particular aspects of content and/or structure of works of writing, comprising the steps of  
writing a work of writing,  
attempting to assemble the article using the three-dimensional representations of the components that correspond to the content and/or structure used in the work of writing, and  
recalling, interpreting, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or judging the content or structure of the work of writing by viewing what was assembled with the three-dimensional representations.
11. (New) The method of claim 10, further including the step of  
editing the work of writing as desired to add, change, and/or rearrange content or structure.

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12. (New) The method of claim 10, further including the step of  
using the three-dimensional representations as a checklist to determine what should be in  
the work of writing.
13. (New) The method of claim 10,  
the components being parts of a hamburger.
14. (New) The method of claim 10,  
the three-dimensional representations being constructed from colored craft foam.
15. (New) The method of claim 10,  
the three-dimensional representations being pillows.